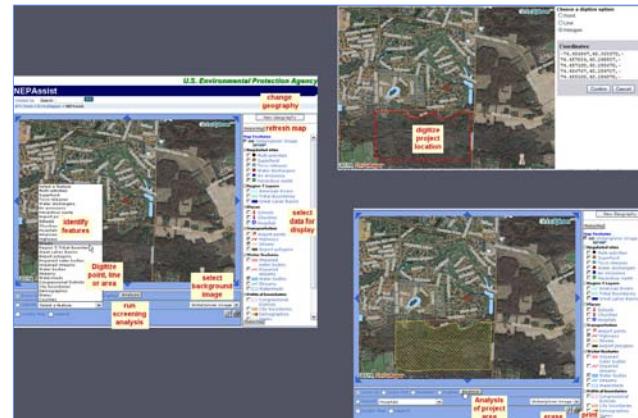


# NEPAssist: Development of a Web-Based Mapping Application for Environmental Assessments

NEPAssist uses EPA's existing web mapping infrastructure and is a joint venture among the Office of Federal Activities, Office of Environmental Information, and Regions 2, 3 and 5. It is a proof of concept application prototyped for EPA Region 2 with a goal of expanding to other EPA regions in order to develop more standardized, data-driven decision processes that maximize the efficient use of limited staff resources.

NEPAssist attempts to accomplish that goal by providing user-friendly, web-based tools that scale nationally to allow for environmental screening of all proposed projects using consistent data sets by EPA staff, other federal, state, and local agencies, NGOs, and the public. The application allows users to delineate a project point, line or boundary, input background information about the project, and output a report on critical environmental features that are close to the project. The current version of the application is running as a mix of services from RTP, Region 2 and external servers and is available for use by many federal partners.

The application is currently undergoing a number of enhancements based on user feedback on the prototype, and is in the process of being expanded to Regions 3 and 5.

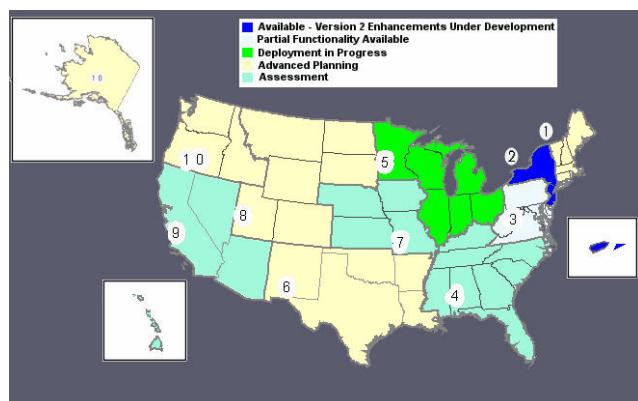


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